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COUNTRY Czechoslovakia

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

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TOPIC Piestany Airfield

EVALUATION 25X1A PLACE OBTAINED 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT early March 1951

DATE OBTAINED 28 June 1951 DATE PREPARED 24 August 1951

REFERENCES 25X1A

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1. The airfield north of Piestany (P 49/T 44) was about 1,200 meters from north to south and 600 to 800 meters from east to west. Concrete runways were not observed. \*
2. Buildings available on the east side of the airfield included an administration building with a weather station, seven or eight old buildings, some one story and others two stories. All were painted with dark-green camouflage paint. The groups of buildings located farther to the north appeared to be administration buildings while those located to the south were apparently quarters. A large hangar painted a dark color, was observed in the middle of the southern airfield boundary. Its doors were closed and no aircraft were parked in front of it. Three temporary wooden buildings about 400 meters apart stood east of the road running along the eastern border of the field. These buildings probably quartered guard personnel. \*\*
3. One Siebel aircraft painted olive drab was seen parked at the field between two buildings of the southeastern group of structures. The entire airfield seemed to be deserted. Officers and men wearing air force and army uniforms were seen in the town of Piestany. The air force soldiers still wore their old rank insignia while some of the members of the other branches of service already wore the new rank insignia and broad epaulets. \*\*\*

25X1A \* [REDACTED] Comment. The information on the size of the airfield confirms previous information.

25X1A \*\* [REDACTED] Comment. The information on the location of the airfield buildings agrees with previous information. Available information on the number of hangars at the field is at variance. A Slovak refugee stated that there is only one hangar at the southern edge of the field. This information is believed to be correct.

25X1A \*\*\* [REDACTED] Comment. The report indicates that no air unit was stationed at the field as of March 1951. The previously reported occupation of the field by the 2d Czechoslovakian Fighter Regiment in the fall of 1950 has not yet been confirmed.

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